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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 2531

E.O. 11165: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, MT, LY, IT

SUBJ: ESSO SHUTDOWN

REF: VALLETTA 2525

1. GOM REPORTED IN MONDAY EVENING TV NEWS TO HAVE CANCELLED
ESSO'S LICENSE OPERATE IN MALTA. NEWS REPORT SAID ESSO
LICENSE EXPIRES DEC. 31 AND WILL NOT BE RENEWED. NEW ITEMS ADDED
GOM INTENDS TO IMPORT CRUDE OIL FROM LIBYA AND HAVE IT REFINED
IN ITALY BY AGIP.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ESSO MANAGER NAUDI LOCAL SHELL
SUBSIDIARY HAS INDICATED IT IS WILLING TO FILL IN GAP CREATED
BY SHUT DOWN OF ESSO GAS STATIONS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL REFINED
LIBYAN PRODUCTS AND PRESUMED ESTABLISHMENT NEW MARKETING COMPANY.
RUMOR HAS IT GOM HAS WORKED OUT 60-40 PERCENT DEAL WITH AGIP.

3. COMMENT: THE PUBLIC SCENARIO FOR GOM CANCELLATION
ESSO'S LICENSE IS STRONGLY REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR ACTION
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TAKEN AGAINST BP SUBSIDIARY ONE YEAR AGO. NEW ELEMENTS,

HOWEVER, IS AVAILABILITY LIBYAN CRUDE AND REPORTED AGIP
REFINING AGREEMENT.TUCKER

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